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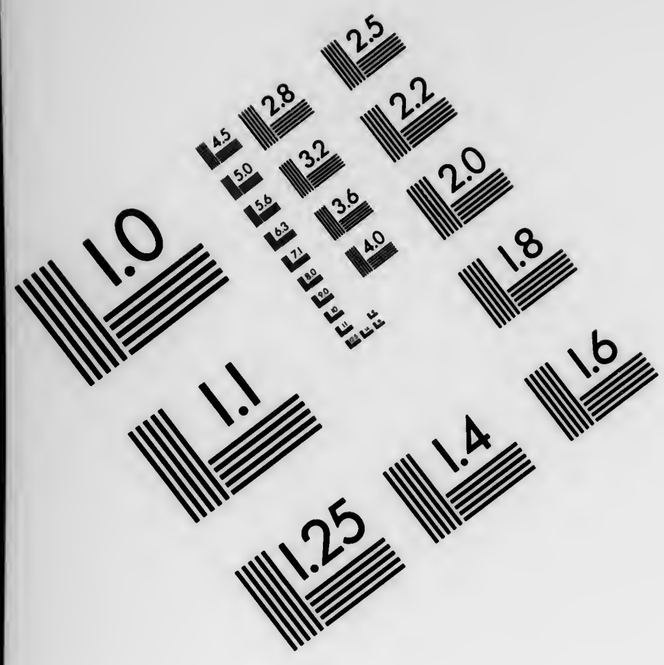

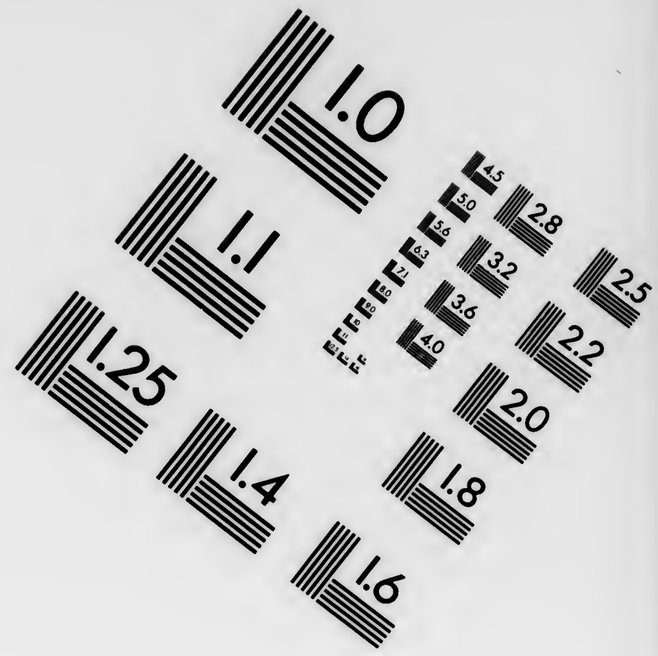

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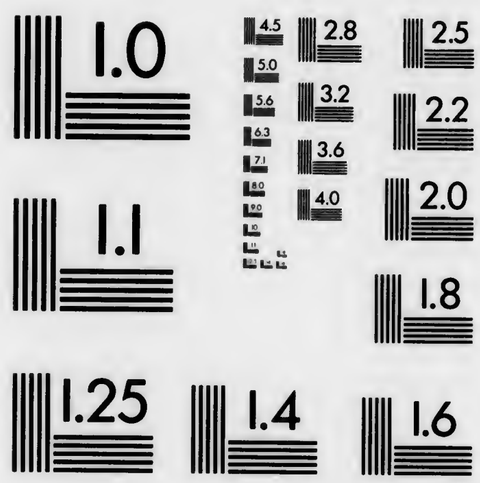

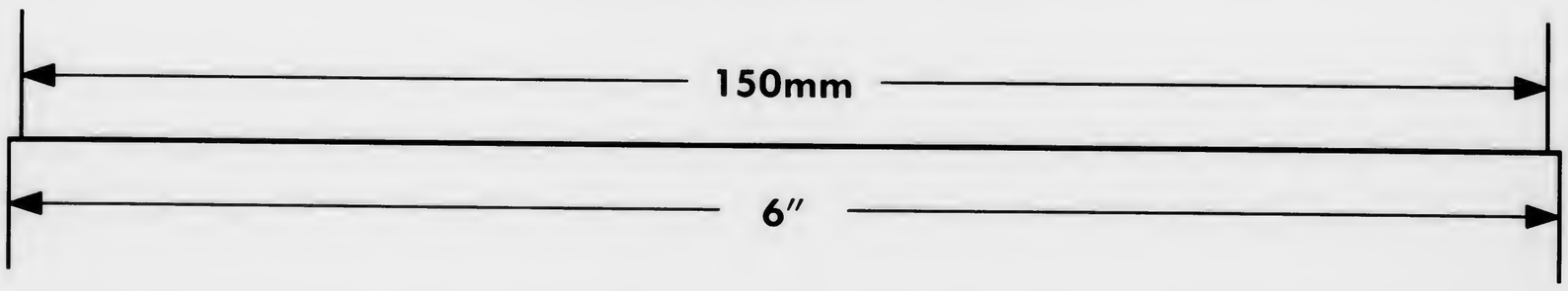

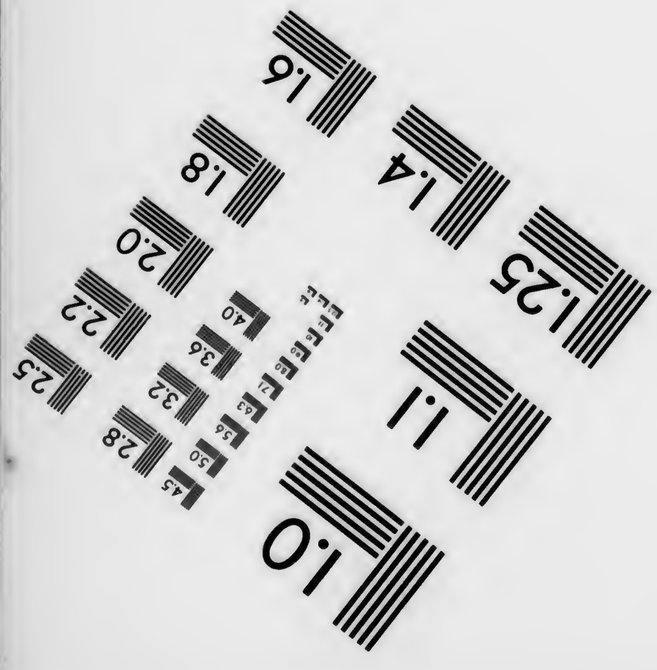

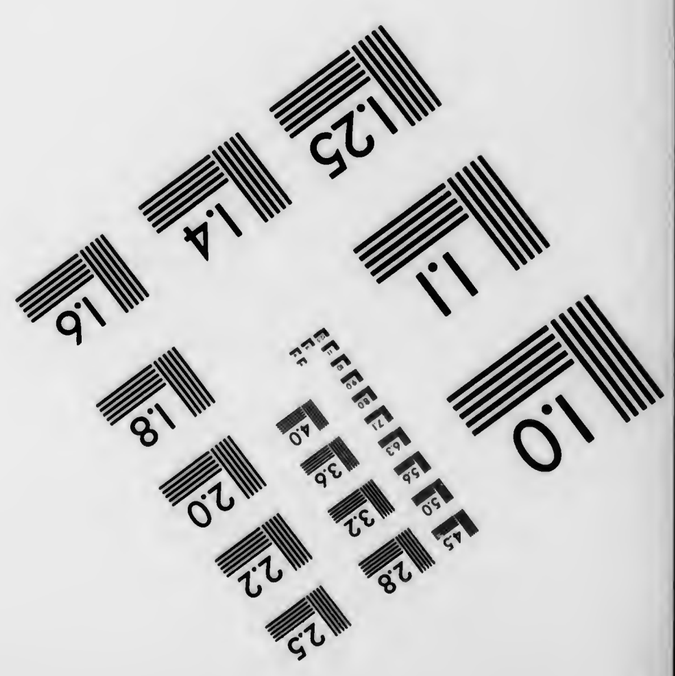

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PENN'A STATE AGRICULTURAL SOC'Y.

TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 1852.

In accordance with the fourth section of the constitution of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, the said society met in the hall of the House of Representatives, more than fifteen members being present.

The President being absent, the meeting was organized by Vice President A. O. Heister being called to the chair.

On taking his seat, Judge Heister remarked, that the meeting was called in obedience to the fourth section of the first article of the constitution, and read from the constitution the clause which requires the members of the society to meet at Harrisburg, on the third Tuesday of January, in each year, to elect officers of the society for the ensuing year.

He said they did not meet at this time to make or to hear speeches, but to transact business; and yet he must ask the indulgence of the society for a few minutes, that he might congratulate them on the favorable auspices under which they met. But one year ago they had assembled at this place for the purpose of organizing a State society. They had accomplished the object most harmoniously; they were fortunate in selecting officers, competent, and with the requisite zeal, to attend to the duties assigned them.

The first exhibition had been held. It exceeded far the general interest it excited. The large attendance of farmers, and grand display of agricultural products, implements, and stock, met the most extravagant expectations of the most enthusiastic friend of the project, and they found themselves now with all expenses paid, and several thousand dollars in the treasury.

He closed his remarks by saying, that the convention a year ago had been harmonious, and the choice of officers good. He trusted they would be equally conciliating, and equally fortunate to night.

On motion of David Mumma, Jr., it was

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet in the same place this evening.

Adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

On motion of A. M. Spangler, the Hon. A. O. Heister was called to the chair.

On motion of David Mumma, Jr., it was

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

On motion, George H. Bucher, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, made the following report, which was adopted:

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February 7, to cash of R. C. Walker, iniatory fees of members,	$100 00
April, to cash of members during this month,	4 00
May, to cash of members during this month,	4 00
September, to cash of members during this month,	11 00
October, to cash of members during this month,	20 00
To cash for tickets at the fair, and admission fees of members during the same 29th, 30th and 31st,	4,593 29
November, to cash paid by member,	1 00
" 19, to cash, I. G. M'Kinley. members fees paid him,	80 00
To check of John Evans, Esq., of York, for subscription of members paid to him for the year 1851,	32 00
To cash paid by R. C. Walker, being the balance paid him by members during the year,	55 00
	4,900 29
Appropriation by the State not yet paid,	2,000 00
Guarantee of subscriptions of citizens of Harrisburg, not yet paid over,	

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April 30, by bill of J. J. Clyde, for blank book for treasurer,	3 00
Postage paid within the year,	20
Various payments made appertaining to the Exhibition of the Society, for which, see following vouchers:	
List termed Thomas Elder, Jr., police, &c.,	221 71
List termed Daniel Wilt's police, &c.,	86 65
Allowance to Thomas Elder, Jr., Chief of Police,	50 00

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Payments to Wilson & Morgan, Jr., and T. Elder, Jr.,		13 50
Payments by Daniel Wilt, work, hauling, &c.,		427 52
Payments to Walters and Oaks, clerk hire,		60 00
Payments to Morris and Lawyer, police and watchman,		18 00
Payments to S. H. Brooks, telegraphic despatches,		1 73
Payments to J. P. Rutherford, for horse and hand,		3 00
Payments to Foster, Funk and Colder, clerk hire,		45 00
Payments to M'Kinley, Bigler and Wilt, for hauling,		27 00
Payments to D. Hummel, rent of ground,		150 00
Payments to George Hummel, straw, hay and hauling,		38 10
Payments to A. O. Heister, hay and bills paid by him,		71 81
Payments to E. C. Williams, for use of tents,	350	
Expenses off,	17	333 00
Payments to F. L. Hutter, stationary, &c.,		58 45
Payments to J. A. Shannon, police,		5 25
Payments to C. M'Curdy, printing,		7 00
" " J. J. Clyde, "		7 00
" " D. S. Wilson, watering stock,		30 00
Payments to M'Kinley, Bigler & Wilt, lumber, fence, &c.,		865 25
Payments to Wm. Colder, Sr., hauling,		36 00
" " D. Wilt, chief of fair ground		75 00
Payments to C. S. Funk, clerk,		20 00
" " J. M. Foster and J. Colder, clerks in ticket office,		25 00
Payments to C. C. Mullen, expenses preparing and cleaning House Representatives,		21 00
Payments to George Bergner, freight on certificates life membership,		50
Payments to William Colder, Jr., livery and hauling,		37 00
Payments to G. B. Laird, clerk,		30 00
" " Joseph Lescure, clerk,		60 00
" " Dr. Reily, for wheat, oats, hay, straw, &c.,		55 43
Payments to P. Hoak, horses and hand,		8 00
Payments to M'Kinley & Lescure, for printing, &c.,		279 40
Payments to Lescure and Laird, clerking		100 00
Payments to A. J. Jones, postage,		34 86
Payments of premiums awarded at the Exhibition,		993 00
Payments made by R. C. Walker, Secretary, for books, State tax on act of incorporation, printing certificates, postage, &c., during the year, as per vouchers furnished,		43 88
		4,321 75
Balance in Treasury,		578 54
		4,900 29

Robert C. Walker, Secretary of the society, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the members of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society:

GENTLEMEN—In laying before you a report for the first year's proceedings of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, I am pleased to say that, instead of only having to record the proceedings of a few nominal meetings of a few theorists, met for the purpose of figuring upon paper what can only be accomplished by the practical working of the *bone fide* farmers, I have registered the doings of a society whose members compose two thousand and ninety of the farmers, mechanics, and artisans of Pennsylvania. Only a year has elapsed since the organization of this association, and we are now about to enter upon the second of its operations.—What was considered a problem by many at its commencement, namely, whether the proper elements existed in our State to build up and carry forward, with success, an agricultural society, has been solved, and our institution, although in its infancy, has taken an honorable rank among the kindred associations of the world. In accordance with the prayers of the memoralists of a convention, held in Harrisburg, on the 21st and 22d days of January last, the Legislature of this State has, by its act, approved the 29th day of March, 1851, incorporated the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, the provisions of which are herewith presented.—[289, *Pamphlet Laws*, 1851.

Thus has the Legislature of Pennsylvania, with a liberality characteristic of the State, appropriated directly to the use of said society, two thousand dollars, with a like amount annually hereafter to that paid in by its members, provided such sum does not exceed two thousand dollars in any one year. Not only has our Legislature rendered efficient aid to the great cause of agriculture by appropriating money to our State society, but by the provisions of our act of incorporation it authorizes the treasurer of every county in the Commonwealth to pay the sum of one hundred dollars to a county society, to be disbursed for the promotion of agricultural knowledge and improvement. From the fact that over two thousand persons have already become members of this association, we have reason to believe that our annual appropriation from this time forward will not be diminished.

There have been twelve meetings of the Executive Committee, and one of the society, since the adoption of the constitution, each of which disposed of a proportionate amount of business required in making preparations for the Annual Exhibition. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in Harrisburg on Thursday the 27th day of February last, it was

Resolved, That Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 22d, 23d, and 24th days of October, 1851, be fixed as the time for holding the first Annual Exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

At a special meeting held in Harrisburg, on

September 10th, 1851, pursuant to a call of the President, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has accidentally happened that the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society and the Maryland State Agricultural society have fixed the same days for their Annual Exhibition, which may operate unfavorably to both, and as our society desire to reciprocate civilities with, and promote the success of all other societies that have for their object the improvement of agriculture and the mechanic arts; therefore

Resolved, That the time heretofore fixed for the Exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, be and the same is hereby changed and fixed to be upon the 29th, 30th, and 31st days of October, 1851.

It was *Resolved*, That A. O. Heister, Geo. H. Bucher, Dr. Luther Reily, David Mumma, jr., and Isaac G. M'Kinley, be a committee of arrangement, whose duty it shall be definitely to act upon all subjects pertaining to the first Annual Exhibition; and that they shall have power to employ such aid and assistance as necessity shall require.

A committee consisting of Frederick Watts, John C. M'Allister, A. O. Hiester and Isaac Updegrove, were appointed to visit the annual exhibition of the New York State Agricultural society.

A committee consisting of Isaac G. M'Kinley, David Mumma, Jr., Joseph Lescure and Geo. H. Bucher, was also appointed to attend the annual exhibition of the Maryland State Agricultural society.

A committee was also appointed to invite the officers of other Agricultural societies, and distinguished gentlemen of this and other States, to be present and participate in the ceremonies of our annual exhibition.

The committee appointed to select and invite a suitable person to deliver the annual address at the Agricultural exhibition, selected the Hon. Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia, who in accordance with the invitation extended was promptly on the ground and contributed greatly, by his excellent address, to the edification of all who had the pleasure of hearing him, and did lasting service to the cause he so ably advocated.

This address was published by the society in pamphlet form, and one copy sent to each of its members.

It was resolved by the Executive Committee that we deem the establishment and success of an Agricultural Journal, published in Pennsylvania, as essential to the proper exposition of the principles of agriculture as practised in this State; and that we approve of the Pennsylvania Farm Journal, published at the city of Lancaster, by A. M. Spangler, and edited by S. S. Haldeman.

That for the present it be adopted as the organ of the State society, and that farmers and all others interested in the subject of agriculture, be advised to patronize it and contribute information to its columns.

It was also resolved that the proceedings of the meeting of this society be published in the American Farmer and Agricultural Journal, published in the German language, in Harrisburg, by J. M. Beck, and that this periodical be recommended to the patronage of the German farmers of Pennsylvania.

A resolution was passed asking the different County Agricultural societies of this State to inform this society of their existence. This resolution was published in the newspapers, but as yet no such society has furnished the desired information.

Suitable books have been procured in which have been transcribed the Constitution and act of incorporation of this society; also books in which has been made an alphabetical arrangement of the names of its members, with their residence and post office.

Certificates of annual membership have been procured and issued to nearly every member of the society; also certificates of life membership, none of which, however, have been issued, probably in consequence of the fee for life membership being fixed at too high a price.

Diplomas have also been procured, and many have been awarded by the judges of the exhibition as certificates of merit. Agricultural books and pamphlets have been presented to the society by different persons.

A box of minerals and soil has been presented to the society for analization by H. P. Robinson, of Berks county.

In consequence of the Maryland State Agricultural society having decided to hold its exhibition on the 22d, 23d and 24th days of October last, our first annual fair was not held until the three last days of October, 1851. Although held too late in the season for the presentation of many fruits and vegetables, and at a time when good weather could hardly be expected, the display of articles, animals and stock of all kinds was far greater than the most sanguine anticipator had reason to expect.

During the three days of the exhibition it is thought that more than twenty thousand persons were in attendance. The ground chosen by the committee of arrangement, upon which to hold the fair, was peculiar in its adaptation to the purpose, and was located about a mile above Harrisburg, on the eastern side of the Susquehanna, embracing nearly fifteen acres, which was substantially enclosed by a fence ten feet high.

On one side of the entrance was the office of the treasurer, and on the other that of the secretary. In the latter all articles for exhibition were entered in books properly arranged and classified, and a card given to the exhibitor, with the number, name and description of the article, and owner or inventor. All articles for exhibition were hauled by the society to and from the railroad depot without charge to the exhibitor.

More than a hundred covered sheds were erected inside the enclosure, for horses and cattle, with many others put up for sheep, hogs, &c., and for holding hay and feed.

Large rings were constructed at a convenient distance from the stalls used for the exhibition of horses and cattle.

Long houses were neatly built and partitioned off for poultry, which were filled with almost every variety of the feathered domestics.

The "mammoth tents" of Williams, that were used at the Rochester fair, were pitched here and there through the ground, in which were exhibited the lightest articles of usefulness, specimens of the fine arts, the handiwork of the ladies, the luxuries of the farm, the mechanic arts and inventions, and improvements in endless variety.

The agricultural implements and the coarser articles of household arts were assigned extensive plots of ground in several parts of the enclosure, and were exhibited to great advantage. An adjoining field of ten acres was used for the plowing match, and twenty-one plows were entered and contested for the premiums.

Judges on fourteen committees were appointed, who awarded premiums to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars.

On motion of John P. Rutherford, the Secretary was ordered to have printed, for the use of the society, three thousand copies of the proceedings of this meeting; adopted.

On motion of Philip Dougherty it was

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of this society be authorized to procure, for the use of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, a room which will answer for the meetings of the Executive Committee, and for an office for books, library, &c.; adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of W. A. Stokes, James Fiffe, Wm. Bell, Jer. Black and Morris Leech, was appointed by the chair to consider and report on the expediency of holding a fair in the western part of the State, and that they add to their report such suggestions of detail on this subject as they may see fit, and report to the Executive Committee; which was adopted.

On motion of John P. Rutherford, it was

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this society be appointed a committee to memoralize Congress, on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society, for the establishment of an Agricultural Bureau; adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of A. M. Spangler, I. G. M'Kinley and Theo. Fenn, was appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of memoralizing the Legislature relative to the appointment of a State Agricultural Chemist; said committee to report to this society on to-morrow afternoon.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by David Mumma, Jr.; which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has, in his last and previous annual messages, recommended to Congress the establishment of an Agricultural Bureau: *And whereas*, This society agreeing fully with the views expressed by the President, upon this important subject, in urging its importance upon Congress, in which he briefly, yet so ably, argues the importance of the subject; therefore, in expressing the views of the society, we adopt his own language:—"Agriculture may justly be regarded as the great interest of our people. Four-fifths of our active population are employed in the cultivation of the soil, and the rapid expansion of our settlements over new territory is daily adding to the number of those engaged in that vocation. Justice and sound policy, therefore, alike require that the Government should use all the means authorized by the Constitution, to promote the interests and welfare of that important class of our fellow citizens. And yet it is a singular fact that whilst the manufacturing and commercial interests have engaged the attention of Congress during a large portion of every session, and our statutes abound in provisions for their protection and encouragement, little has yet been done directly for the advancement of agriculture. It is true, that this reproach to our legislation should be removed, and I sincerely hope that the present Congress will not close their labors without adopting sufficient means to supply the omission of those who preceded them.

"An Agricultural Bureau, charged with the duty of collecting and disseminating correct information as to the best mode of cultivation, and of the most efficient means of preserving and restoring the fertility of the soil, and of procuring and distributing seeds and plants, and other vegetable productions, with instructions in regard to the soil, climate and treatment best adapted to their growth, could not fail to be, in the language of Washington in his annual message to Congress, a very cheap instrument of immense national benefit;" therefore,

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their utmost endeavors to carry out the recommendations of the President upon this subject. That the Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress with a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

A preamble and resolutions submitted by D. Mumma, Jr., relative to a National Convention of agriculturists from the several States of the Union, was, on motion, laid on the table until to-morrow.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this society proceed to the election of its officers on to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

On motion, David Mumma and W. A. Stokes were appointed to act as tellers of the election for officers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the officers to be elected should be voted for on one ticket.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have handbills printed and posted, announcing the meeting to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of A. O. Heister, Wm. A. Stokes, Esq., was called to the chair.

On motion of David Mumma, Esq., the nomination for officers was re-opened, and moved the nomination of J. M. Beck, of Harrisburg, for Recording Secretary, when the nominations were closed.

The preamble and resolutions offered by D. Mumma, Jr., relative to the establishment of a National Agricultural society, were taken up, and, on motion, were postponed for the present.

On motion of I. G. M'Kinley, it was

Resolved, That the fiscal year of this society shall hereafter end on the first Wednesday after the third Tuesday of January.

On motion of David Mumma, Jr., the Secretary was ordered to have printed with the proceedings, the constitution and act of incorporation of this society.

The committee to inquire into the expediency of memorializing the present Legislature in relation to the appointment of a State Agricultural Chemist, beg leave to report, that, after consultation, they unanimously recommend to this society the selection of a committee, whose duty it shall be to draft a memorial to the present Legislature, asking the appointment of a State Agricultural Chemist. It is not considered necessary to enter into a labored argument to prove the necessity of such a step, it being deemed sufficient merely to advert to the fact that wherever a State Chemist has been appointed, the very best results have followed.

(Signed,) A. M. SPANGLER,
THEO. FENN,
I. G. M'KINLEY,

On motion, A. M. Spangler, I. G. M'Kinley, Theo. Fenn, James Fiffe and Philip Dougherty were appointed a committee to memorialize the present Legislature for the appointment of a State Agricultural Chemist.

On motion of Gen. William Ayres, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society be tendered to the members of the House of Representatives for their kindness in giving to this society the use of their hall.

On motion of A. O. Heister, it was

Resolved, That, as a society, we approve of the tone, spirit and ability with which our organ, the Farm Journal, has been conducted during the past year, and that we cordially recommend every member of the society not only to subscribe for it himself, but to use his influence to extend its circulation among his neighbors.

On motion of David Mumma, Jr., it was

Resolved, That the American Bauer, printed at Harrisburg, in the German language, by J. M. Beck, is well worthy of the patronage of our German farmers, and that we cordially recommend it to our German population as a valuable and interesting periodical.

Wm. A. Stokes, who had been appointed one of the tellers, being in the chair, on motion, F. C. Carson and James L. Reily were appointed as tellers to hold the election of officers.

The chairman announced that the hour having arrived for opening the election, the members proceeded to elect their officers, when one hundred and thirty votes were polled, and the following officers were selected for the ensuing year:

President—FREDERICK WATTS.

Vice Presidents.

1st Congressional Dist.	—	Peleg B. Savery.
2d	"	Jos. R. Ingersoll.
3d	"	Caleb Cope.
4th	"	Jas. Gowen.
5th	"	John Kennedy.
6th	"	William Stavely.
7th	"	Ab. R. M'Ilvaine.
8th	"	Jacob Frantz.
9th	"	Henry Shubert.
10th	"	Conrad Shimer.
11th	"	Jacob Drumheller.
12th	"	William Jessup.
13th	"	Jacob Gundy.
14th	"	A. O. Heister.
15th	"	J. S. Haldeman.
16th	"	Finlaw M'Cown.
17th	"	Jon. M'Williams.
18th	"	Henry Beeson.
19th	"	Wm. A. Stokes.
20th	"	Wm. Patterson.
21st	"	Hiram Hultz.
22d	"	Morris Leech.
23d	"	James Miles.
24th	"	David Ralston.

Corresponding Secretary—Alfred L. Elwyn.
Recording Secretary—Robert C. Walker.
Treasurer—G. H. Bucher.
Librarian—Luther Reily.
Chemist—Charles B. Trego.
Executive Committee—I. G. M'Kinley, David Mumma, jr., Robert M'Allister, John P. Rutherford, and Simon Cameron.

The following preamble and resolutions were taken up and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is now an admitted fact that in no way can a nation increase in wealth and power so fast, as by encouraging and securing a rapid improvement in the science of agriculture. All admit, that whilst manufactures improve, commerce gives value, and labor and capital stimulate, it is agriculture alone that originates; the earth is the parent of them all—all equally derive their origin from the cultivation of the earth, and all must be equally dependent upon it for sustainance. Regarding it then as the basis of all other arts, it justly claims pre-eminence over all others; and such is its connection with all the comforts of the human race, that it may justly be said, that agriculture is the only firm and stable foundation of national greatness. And the various State societies have already fully demonstrated the fact that in no way can this great and valuable science be so substantially and rapidly improved, as by organized and concerted action, and it is therefore a self-evident fact that the formation of a National Agricultural Society is at this time a matter of great moment and im-

portance; therefore, for the purpose of forming such society, be it

Resolved, That we recommend the calling of a convention of agriculturists of the United States, to meet at the city of Washington at such time as may be fixed upon as soon as it is ascertained that a sufficient number of States of this Union have approved of the plan to warrant its undertaking.

Resolved, That this society will elect one delegate from each Congressional district of the State, who shall be a member of this society, to represent this society in said proposed National convention.

Resolved, That this society expects and earnestly requests the co-operation of every State in the Union in this matter.

Resolved, That all States or State societies willing to co-operate with us in this laudable enterprise, are requested to inform the President of this society of such fact; and so soon as five States have so signified their willingness to act in the matter, then the President of this society shall immediately after ascertaining, (by corresponding with the several State societies upon the subject,) the most suitable time for calling such convention, fix on a time for the meeting of said convention, of which he shall give notice in as many papers as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this society shall forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to the President or Secretary of every State Agricultural society in the United States; and also furnish a copy to the National Intelligencer and Washington Union, for publication.

Adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

On motion of George H. Bucher, the Constitution was amended, in the second section, by a unanimous vote, so as to read "quarterly" instead of "monthly," and at any other time when convened by the President.

On motion of George H. Bucher the Constitution was amended in the first section so as to read "ten" instead of "twenty."

A motion was made by John Beale to alter the second section of the Constitution, by striking out the words "three-fourths of whom shall be practical agriculturists or horticulturists. Lost.

On motion of David Mumma, Jr., a vote of thanks was given to F. C. Carson and James L. Reily, for their services as tellers.

On motion of W. A. Stokes, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be recommended, if they deem it expedient, after hearing the report of the committee charged to inquire on this subject, to make arrangements for holding a fair and exhibition, next autumn, in the western part of the State.

Adjourned sine die.

R. C. WALKER, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The name of the Society shall be the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. The objects of this society are to foster and improve agriculture, horticulture, and the domestic and household arts.

SEC. 1. The society shall consist of all such persons as shall signify to the Executive Committee their wish to become members, and shall pay to the treasurer, on signing the constitution of the society, not less than one dollar; and annually thereafter not less than one dollar; and also of honorary and corresponding members.

The officers of county agricultural societies in this State, or delegations therefrom, shall be members *ex-officio* of this society.

The payment of ten dollars shall constitute life membership, and exempt the members so contributing from all annual payments.

SEC. 2. The officers of the society shall be a president, a vice president from each Congressional district, three-fourths of whom shall be practical agriculturlists or horticulturlists, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a librarian, an agricultural chemist and geologist, and such assistants as the society may find essential to the transaction of its business; an Executive Committee, consisting of the above named officers, and five additional members.

Duties of the Officers.

SEC. 3. The President shall have a general superintendence of all the affairs of the society. In case of the death, illness, or inability of the president to perferm the duties of his office, the Executive Committee shall select a vice president to act in his stead, who shall have the same power, and perform the same duties as the President, until the next annual election.

Vice Presidents.

It shall be their duty to take charge of the affairs of the association in their several districts; to advance all its objects, to call upon farmers to report as to the condition of agriculture in their neighborhood; to ask for information as to the modes of cultivation adopted by different farmers, and as far as in their power to make known the resources of their districts, the nature of its soil, its geological character, and all such matter as may interest farmers in every part of the State.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall keep an account for all moneys paid into his hands, and shall pay bills when audited and approved by the Executive Committee; each order for payment must be signed by the president or chairman of the Executive Committee.

Corresponding Secretary.

The duty of this officer shall be to invite a correspondence with all persons interested in agriculture, whether in the State of Pennsylvania or elsewhere, but especially with our consuls in foreign countries, that new seeds, vegetables, or live stock may be introduced, and their fitness for cultivation and propagation in our climate be tested. At each stated meeting of the society he shall read his correspondence, which shall, either the whole or such parts as may be selected by the society, form a portion of the transactions.

He shall also correspond with the president or other officers of each State society in the United States, at least twice in the year, for purposes of combined and mutual action, and to be informed of the result and progress of each others efforts; also, to invite mechanics to forward models or implements for examination and trial.

The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the society and of the Executive Committee; at the close of each year he shall prepare for publication such parts of the minutes and transactions of the society as may be designated.

The librarian shall take charge of all books, pamphlets, &c., belonging to the society, and and shall act as curator to preserve seeds, implements, or whatever property the society may possess.

The Executive Committee shall transact the business of the society, generally; shall superintend and direct the publication of such of the reports and transactions as they may deem proper, and shall designate the time and places for annual exhibitions, regulate the expenditures, examine all accounts, and keep such general charge of the affairs of the society as may best promote its interests.

They shall select their own chairman, and meet quarterly, and at any other time when convened by the president; five members shall form a quorum.

They shall call special meetings of the society when necessary.

SEC. 4. The society shall meet annually, on the third Tuesday of January, at Harrisburg, when all the officers of the society shall be elected by ballot for the ensuing year, and until another election. They shall also hold a general meeting at the time of the annual exhibition, and special meetings whenever convoked by the Executive Committee.

Fifteen members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, but no member in arrears shall be entitled to the privileges of the society.

SEC. 5. This constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meetings in January, by a vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance.

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AN ACT

To incorporate the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That George W. Woodward, James Irvin, E. A. Thompson, Frederick Watts, T. J. Bigham, and others, who have subscribed the constitution lately adopted by a convention assembled at Harrisburg to improve the condition of agriculture, horticulture, and the household arts, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate in law, by the name of "The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and have capacity to sue and be sued, and may have a common seal, which at their pleasure may alter or renew, they may take by gift, grant, devise bequest or otherwise, lands and tenements, goods and chattels, necessary for all the purposes for which the society was instituted:—*Provided*, The annual income therefrom shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, independent of annual contributions by members, and the same to convey, lay out, apply and dispose of for the benefit of the said society as they under their charter and by-laws may direct.

SEC. 2. That the members of the said corporation shall have power to make and enforce such constitution and by-laws as may be necessary for the good government of the society, and the same from time to time to revoke, alter and amend, as they may think proper: *Provided*, That the same shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 3. That the sum of two thousand dollars out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to said society; and annually hereafter a sum of equal amount to that paid by the members thereof into its treasury, affidavit of which fact, and the amount so raised by the treasurer of the society, being first filed with the State Treasurer: *Provided*, Such sum shall not exceed two thousand dollars in any one year.

SEC. 4. That when any number of individuals shall organize themselves into an agricultural or horticultural society, or any agricultural or horticultural society now organized within any of the counties of this Commonwealth, shall have adopted a constitution and by-laws for their government, elected their officers, and raised annually by the voluntary contribution of its members any sum of money, which shall have been actually paid into their treasury, for the purpose of being disbursed for the promotion of agricultural knowledge and improvement, and that fact be attested by the affidavit of their president and treasurer, filed with the commissioners of the county, the said county society shall be entitled to receive annually a like sum from the treasurer of their said county: *Provided*, That said annual payment out of the county funds shall not exceed one hundred dollars: *Provided further*, That but one such society in any county shall be entitled to receive such appropriation in any one year under this act.

SEC. 5. That the president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society who shall receive or expend any of the moneys hereby appropriated, shall annually on the first Monday of January, transmit to the Governor of the Commonwealth a detailed account of the expenditure of all the moneys which shall come into

his hands under this act, and stating to whom and for what purpose paid, and a copy of the said report shall be transmitted to the Legislature at as early a day as practicable, and the original shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. And the presidents of the several county agricultural societies shall annually transmit in the month of December, to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society all such reports or returns as they are required to demand and receive from applicants for premiums, together with an abstract of their proceedings during the year; this act shall at all times be within the power of the Legislature to modify, alter, or repeal the same.

JOHN CESSNA,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
BENJAMIN MATTHIAS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.
WM. F. JOHNSTON.

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